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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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For: DEVICE AND A PROCESS FOR THE ISOLATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS

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6/19/97**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant submits the present amendment for entry before examination on the merits.

IN THE CLAIMSCancel claims ~~40-61~~ without prejudice or disclaimer.

Add the following claims.

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J 62. A process for the isolation and purification of nucleic acids, in particular, plasmid or genomic DNA, from cells comprising, in two separation/purification stages, the steps of:

i) in a first separation/purification stage,

a) digesting the cells containing nucleic acids, removing cell debris and thereafter subjecting the nucleic acids to anion exchange against an anion exchanger in a first buffer solution, which has a low ionic strength,